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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 2, 2005. A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time for response, up to and including November 2, 2005, are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and a conditional authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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